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ATTENTION: Renata Hesse, Trial Attorney

RE: Microsoft Case

19 South Street Marlborough, MA 01752 January 21, 2002

Renata Hess, Trial Attorney Antitrust Division Department of Justice 601D Street, Suite 1200 Washington, D.C. 20530

RE: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Attorney Hess:

Please make my following comments known to Judge Kollar-Kotelly of the current proposal to settle the Microsoft case.

The settlement stipulated in the Proposed Final Judgement by the U.S. Department of Justice is a travesty, a transparent sham -- a sellout to Microsoft.

This proposal offers no relief to foster competition and provide fair consumer choice of basic Operating System software for PC platforms beyond Microsoft's.

If allowed to stand, this settlement will do great harm to the computer industry, harm to people who work in this industry on products other than Microsoft's, likely harm to openness of the Internet, and continued harm to users who want choice rather than have an aggressive monopolist dictate to them.

As the proposed settlement currently stands it will not accomplish the remedial goals set by the U.S. Court of Appeals. You must agree that these were:

(1) to prohibit Microsoft's illegal conduct and similar conduct in the future,

(2) to spark competition in this industry, and,

(3) to deprive Microsoft of its illegal gains.

I urge you to impose stronger remedies on Microsoft that have teeth in them and will truly work.

Sincerely,

Erick Andrews, Consultant

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[28 years in computer engineering]